

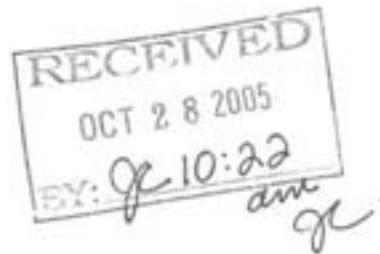
APPENDIX R

From: "Pam Gaines" [REDACTED]
To: <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 9/25/2005 9:56:28 PM
Subject: Proposed Lake Davis Pike Eradication Project - I would like this letter put into the permanent file

Donald B. Gaines



July 17, 2004



Diana F. Jacobs, Ph.D.
653-7387

Fax: (916)

Deputy Director

California Department of Fish and Game

1416 Ninth Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Jacobs

It was an insightful and spirited discussion we had last month regarding the Lake Davis situation. We are both passionate on this issue.

For the record, and as a memorialization of our conversation, I would like to summarize my position and my understanding of yours as relates to the fate of Lake Davis. Perhaps, this will help you and the DFG in the decision making process.

Your position is: Pike are a threat to the Salmon population. All Pike can be eliminated from the lake by draining down the lake and chemically treating the water. The first failed attempt doesn't mean failure the

The DFG is between the proverbial rock and a hard place - there are no good alternatives. It comes down to picking the one that does the least harm. The consequences of your actions in this particular case will become the DFG's legacy.

Respectfully,

Don Gaines

P.S. I would like this letter put into the permanent file and read to any discussion group determining the resolution of the Pike issue.

second time around.

My position is: No matter what you do, short of draining every drop of water out of that basin, there will surely be two Pike left and they will multiply over time. Therefore, any solution is temporary at best.

At worst, you will make a toxic dumping ground out of a perfectly good and beautiful body of water, Lake Davis will be the rallying cry for every environmental group across the nation. DFG will be the responsible agency for California's Three Mile Island.

While we both agree that a Trout lake is better than a Pike lake, we disagree on the fate of the body of water. Your opinion - a poisoned body of water is better than a Pike lake. My position is the opposite.

As I explained to you, because you can't kill every Pike, because you can't prevent some demented eco terrorist from introducing some foreign species again and mostly because the proposed cure is worse than the illness, poisoning will be a blunder of epic proportions.

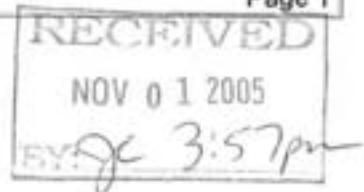
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Ms. Diana Jacobs

July 17, 2004

There are no cures here; just better solutions to the problem. The better solution, without getting into all the details is containment not eradication. There needs to be a shift in focus now to avoid an environmental catastrophe in the near future.

If we can conjure up the likes of the Mars Lander we can contain the Pike in Lake Davis. There is no guarantee that someone will not take one out and put it where it doesn't belong however, that can be done by anyone who wishes to do harm to our state waterways and has a cooler and a '67 Chevy that can make it from Minnesota to California.



From: [REDACTED]
To: "Pike Team" <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 10/30/2005 10:23:28 PM
Subject: Public Comment on Pike Eradication Plan

Citizen: WILLIAM GARDNER

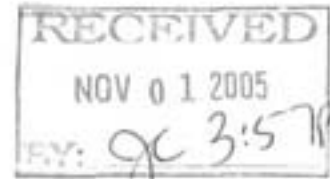


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Comment:

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From: "Peggyniche" [REDACTED]
To: <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 10/31/2005 6:38:23 AM
Subject: OPPOSE NORTHERN PIKE ERRADICATION



Dear Sirs:

In 1995, I was active the Save Lake Davis Committee. The eradication of Northern Pike with the use of rotenone has proven ineffective.

Dear Sirs:

Since the first poisoning of Lake Davis, the area's business community has suffered financially. Before Fish and Game considers poisoning the local drinking water again, it must raise millions of dollars to subsidize the loss of revenue to businesses in Eastern Plumas County. I know that my business suffered tremendously after the first poisoning and we did not file a claim at that time.

Our real estate sales efforts at that time required more mass marketing and our sales staff had to do a song and dance to explain to buyers that we were not affected by the poisoning of this drinking water source. Our Gold Mountain community does not depend on water from Lake Davis directly, but out of area buyers do not understand the distance issue. They only believe that poisoning any body of water is wrong. A drinking water source is unforgivable. It steers them away from our region.

We ask that Fish and Game control the pike populations through other management means, such as netting, direct fishing and eating by citizens, lowering of water levels during spawning season, electro shocking in shallow inlets, etc. Any other means than poisoning.

This time around I will seriously consider the financial impacts that poisoning the Lake will have on our future sales. I expect to sell upwards of \$150 Million in fractional timeshares at our resort over the next three to five years. You can bet that I take the poisoning of Lake Davis serious this time around and will expect compensation for lost revenues.

Peggy Garner, CEO and President of the following entities:

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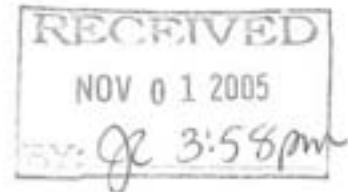
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From: [REDACTED]
To: <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 10/31/2005 8:41:23 AM
Subject: Fw: OPPOSE NORTHERN PIKE ERRADICATION



----- Original Message -----

From: Peggyniche
To: northernpike@dfg.ca.gov
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2005 6:38 AM
Subject: OPPOSE NORTHERN PIKE ERRADICATION

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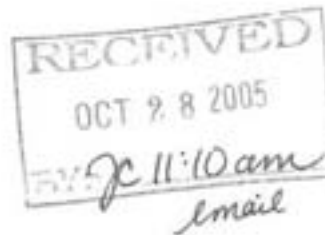


From: "jgaumer" [REDACTED]
To: <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 10/26/2005 3:28:14 PM
Subject: Eradication of northern pike in Lake Davis

To: California Department of Fish and Game

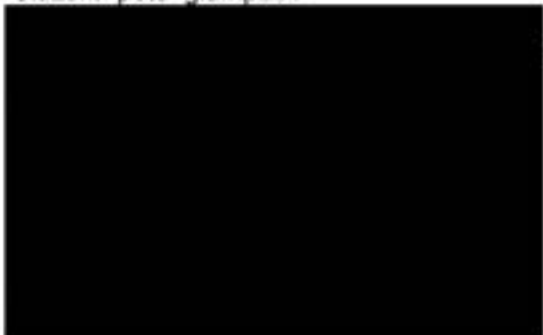
I strongly urge you to eradicate the northern pike in Davis Lake at the first opportunity. Leaving the pike in the lake is like playing Russian roulette with our salmonids downstream of the lake. If the pike establish themselves throughout California's interior waterways, those responsible for delaying the eradication will be harshly and justifiably vilified. It's well past time to get this done.

James A. Gaumer
[REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED]
To: "Pike Team" <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 10/26/2005 8:05:01 AM
Subject: Public Comment on Pike Eradication Plan

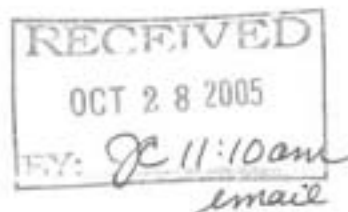
Citizen: pete giampaoli



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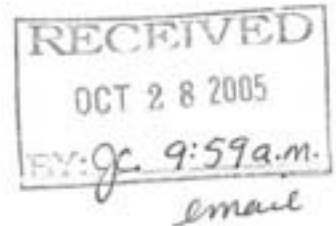
Comment:

Please proceed with this project ASAP!!! Final eradication is long over due. I stopped fly fishing Davis Lake when Portola residents refused the departments recommendation during the first treatment. Businesses in Portola will flourish when this project is complete and Davis Lake returns to its former quality fishery.

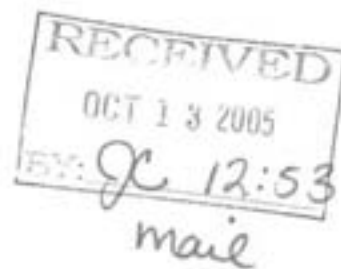


From: "Gabriel J. Gorbet" [REDACTED]
To: <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 9/15/2005 4:31:54 PM
Subject: Lake Davis Pike Eradication Project

Thank you for your notice of the public scoping meetings on this project.
Please keep our Tribe informed of the process as it moves along.



10/12/05



Calif Dept. of Fish & Game
Attn: Ms. Julie Cunningham
P.O. Box 1858
Pacifica, CA 96122

Subject: Rotenone - Lake Davis

Dear Ms. Cunningham:

Please do NOT poison Lake Davis!
AGAIN

Sincerely,

Carolyn Giff



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lumps in the brain, known as Lewy bodies, that are a sure sign of the disease." The possibility of this link to Parkinson's was raised earlier by a team at Stanford University. And the World Health Organization classifies rotenone as moderately hazardous, Class II.

For the "second time around," with a polished public relations campaign, we are promised a more effective result. Yet, Northern Pike are found at Oroville and the Delta. Will DFG administer rotenone on the entire group of watersheds from Lake Davis down to S.F. Bay for their next project?

Healthy, safe water for Portola residents should be of paramount concern. Lake Davis was deemed "a special water area" for domestic water use—Plumas County 1987, and with a treatment plant, the reservoir should serve that purpose for which it was created.

Upon reviewing the Initial Study for this proposed project, top priority has been assigned to salvaging the fisheries over human health and safety.

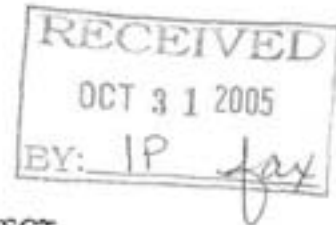
Express your opinion, before Oct. 31, to Ms. Julie Cunningham, California Department of Fish and Game, P.O. Box 1858, Portola CA 96122.

Alice Abbott
Johnsville

Second time around

I cannot accept the mission of the numerous federal, state, and county agencies, including the city of Portola, to protect Lake Davis trout and the small segment of the tourism economy that fishing generates. This project, adversely affecting all biological resources, immediately or over a long term, would supercede and ignore the dire effects of rotenone and the lethal chemicals to be formulated with it, upon the human population as well as wildlife and its habitat.

The findings of professor Tim Greenamyre and his team, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., in "Nature Neuroscience" (Nov. 2000), show "that rats repeatedly given rotenone not only develop the symptoms of Parkinson's—trembling and loss of muscle control—but acquire the distinctive microscopic



LAKE DAVIS PIKE ERADICATION PROJECT

Lorraine Gronli
7556 Glacken Way
Sacramento, CA 95828
(916) 682-6962

To Whom It May Concern:

The Pike fish is related to the walleyed fish, which is in Minnesota. It is a good eating fish. It is not a strong tasting fish. But you have to know how to cook it.

These are some ideas that might help in getting rid of the fish in Lake Davis.

- 1- Find the sponging places and net them
- 2- Run fish nets to get the females
- 3- Have a spear fishing contest for scuba divers
- 4- Run contest for biggest fish
- 5- Smallest fish
- 6- How many fish (size doesn't matter just don't throw them back)
- 7- Have a cooking contest.

For people to enter this contest don't charge a fee or if you have to charge make it a small fee.

For prizes have the people of the community donate several items for prizes. It's tax deductible for taxes and you don't have to spend money.

I think the community would like that better than to poison the lake.

If the community does not know how to net the fish people in Isle, Minnesota can show them how.

Sincerely

From: [REDACTED]
To: "Pike Team" <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 9/28/2005 9:11:00 PM
Subject: Public Comment on Pike Eradication Plan

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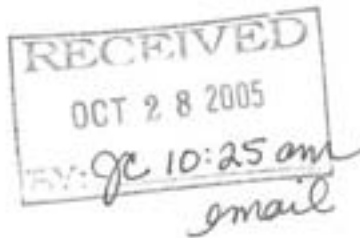
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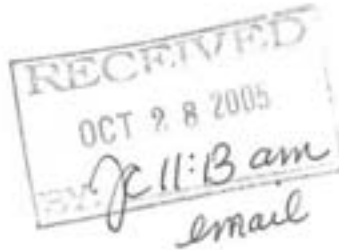
Comment:

I first fished Davis Lake as a young boy with my grandfather. In 1967 I caught both a large Pike and a beautiful lake trout. I was told by my grandfather that the two species had been in the lakew as long as he could remember.

Leave the damn lake alone it's not your resource it's the taxpayers!



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To: "Pike Team" <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>
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Subject: Public Comment on Pike Eradication Plan

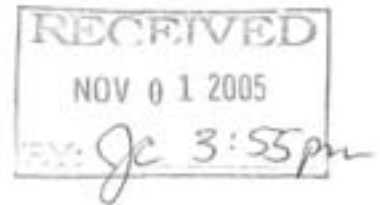


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Comment:

I have been fishing the lake since 1986. Will you please just get rid of the pike and soon! We are wasting time of the restoration process to begin

From: "Dan Harvey" [REDACTED]
To: <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 10/29/2005 11:38:31 AM
Subject: Comments - Pike Eradication Project Scoping Meetings.



Dear Julie,

Please include the attached letter in your review of the Pike Eradication Project impact.

Daniel T. Harvey
[REDACTED]

CC: "Charles Guenther" [REDACTED]

October 29, 2005

Dr. Ed Pert, Project Manager
Lake Davis Pike Eradication Project
California Department of fish and Game
Fisheries Program Branch
1812 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Dr. Pert,

This letter is in response to your request at the "Scoping" meetings for members of the community to give the issues surrounding the project some serious thought, and to provide input on what should be done to accomplish this difficult task with minimal negative impact on the community of Portola. The purpose of this letter is to comment on what I consider to be the two most important issues relating to the proposed project.

1. The future water supply for the City of Portola.
2. The economic impact of the project on essential, yet fragile infrastructure, and the need for prospective mitigation to avoid potential disaster.

Let me begin by clearly articulating my support for the need to eradicate the pike based on the principles outlined, and for the method and approach put forward by your obviously competent scientific team.

I speak to you as an extremely well educated biological scientist and biochemist, in the capacity of the executive team of Eastern Plumas Health Care District Hospital, and as a homeowner in the City of Portola.

1. In my opinion the State of California has not only taken away our high quality, secure, and affordable water supply in the interests of the entire citizenry of the state, but to date has made no meaningful commitment to repair the damage caused by those activities. I am fairly certain that you are aware of all the issues related to this concern, so I will not waste time by reiterating the obvious, but I do expect your report to the public on the input you receive to reflect a response to this essential issue. It is my expectation that the State of California be held accountable for financing the construction of a modern water treatment plant at Lake Davis, with an on-line date to coincide with safe recovery of the waters. Anything less would be completely unjust in my view. My water bill is currently outrageous, and our community cannot afford either the new water plant, or to remove the arsenic from our current, inadequate well system. None of these developments can be blamed on the residents of Portola. Our pain has been mandated by the state.

2. I am extremely concerned for the survival of health care services in Portola and surrounding communities due to the economic impact of the project. Through outstanding fiscal and operational leadership and the dedicated efforts of staff, Eastern Plumas Health Care District has recently recovered from bankruptcy, and if not impacted by a major economic downturn, will probably remain a viable provider of quality health care services for the foreseeable future. Unfortunately, the financial stability of the organization is extremely fragile. Even fairly minor disturbances to cash flow threaten the survivability of the entire system. It is my expectation that the state of California must consider mitigation measures in advance of the depression of the Portola economy that is certain to occur as the eradication project proceeds. Once the facility closes, no amount of legal action by the Trustees will be able to repair the damage. I expect the CEO of Eastern Plumas Health Care will also submit a letter with respect to this critical issue, and I am certain the entire community would support the concept of providing financial assistance to support the hospital through this period of potential risk.

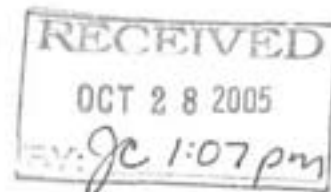
I have been a hard-working resident of Portola for 8 years and plan to call this community home for the rest of my life. These issues are central to that hope. Please take this input seriously.

Sincerely,

Daniel Thomas Harvey, CLS M.T.(ASCP)
Director, Diagnostic Clinical Services
Eastern Plumas Health Care District

From: Rick Haynes [REDACTED]
To: <jcunningham@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 9/27/2005 10:46:21 AM
Subject: Davis Lake Pike

Have you folks even considered letting the public "fish" the Pike out? No license required. Catch and keep Pike. Just a common sense solution perhaps.
Thanks
Rick Haynes
Rocklin, Ca.



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From: [REDACTED]
To: "Pike Team" <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 10/27/2005 12:32:52 PM
Subject: Public Comment on Pike Eradication Plan



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Comment:

I have fished Davis Lake for many years and the pike have definitely diminished the quality of this fishery.

I strongly support the Lake Davis Pike Eradication Project and hope it can happen as soon as the summer of 2006.

Sincerely

Paul Hendricks
[REDACTED]

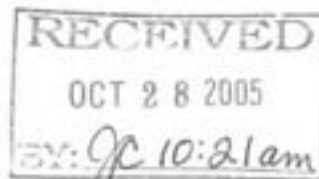
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To: "Pike Team" <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 9/23/2005 3:20:52 PM
Subject: Public Comment on Pike Eradication Plan

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Comment:

How about we fish the lake out !!! The government will lift any and all restrictions in regards to size or spieces ,one would be able to catch as much as he/she wants without penalty.....This way it's a win win situation 1st we can catch the fish that the pike eat and at the same time catch pike,the government looks good because you are tring something else besides posion!!!! That people don't like. People can catch 10 trout 12 bass 14 catfish and 8 pike and it's all legalPeople would like that . As the water level drops, there will be less and less good fish bass,trout,ect...and only the pike will be left so they keep fishing and catch only pike because everything else has been caught or eaten...I think it's worth a shot.



email

>>> Dave Hinrichs [REDACTED] 11/1/2005 2:25:28 PM >>>

Under the current time line, Fall & Winter of 2007 are slated as treatment and neutralization period. What would be the restocking period and the earliest the lake would be considered fishable again?

Dave Hinrichs, Cost Analyst

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From: "Phelps and Teddy Hobart" [REDACTED]
To: <jbate@sierrasun.com>, <actioneditor@sierranevadamedia.com>
Date: 10/20/2005 3:31:51 AM
Subject: Use US Navy sonar to control and eliminate the predatory northern pike in Lake Davis

Dear Editors,

I have had this idea for a long time but I am tired of waiting for the Department of Fish and Game and the Lake Davis Steering Committee to come up with the same idea.

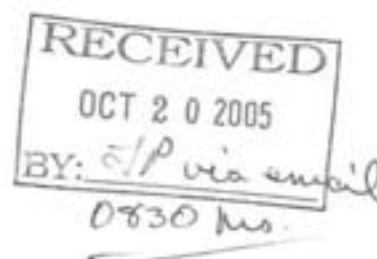
The Navy whale killing sonar is back in the news - see the citations below.

Could your newspaper help promote this plan?

Respectfully,

Phelps Hobart
939 44th Street
Sacramento, CA 95819

(916) 739-6949



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- 1.. U.S. Navy sued over "ear-splitting" sonar on whales
Reuters via Yahoo! News - 2 hours, 53 minutes ago
A coalition of environmental groups sued the U.S. Navy on Wednesday over the use of sonar, saying that the ear-splitting sounds can cause mass whale and dolphin strandings and internal bleeding.
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 - 2.. Group Sues Navy to Limit Sonar It Says Harms Marine Life
Washington Post - Oct 19 8:09 PM
Loud blasts of sound from the sonar systems of Navy ships are killing and disorienting whales and other marine mammals and should be far more strictly limited, an environmental group argued in a federal lawsuit filed yesterday.
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 - 3.. Lawsuit Says Navy Sonar Harms Whales
New York Times - Oct 19 9:03 PM
Environmentalists filed a lawsuit on Wednesday, asserting that a form of sonar widely used by the Navy disturbs and sometimes kills whales and dolphins.
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 - 4.. Navy Sued Over Sonar's Effects on Whales
AP via Yahoo! News - Oct 19 5:50 PM
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 - 5.. Animal welfare groups sue US navy over sonar harm to whales
AFP via Yahoo! News - Oct 19 5:27 PM
Animal welfare groups sued the US Navy over its use of a type of an ear-splitting sonar that they say can cause internal bleeding and even death in whales and other marine mammals.
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 - 6.. Report: Navy Commander Blamed in Sub Crash

AP via Yahoo! News - Oct 19 3:57 PM

A Navy nuclear submarine commander was largely responsible for a 2001 collision with a Japanese fishing boat that killed nine people, according to a federal investigation requested by victims' families upset with the Pentagon's handling of the incident.

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7.. Navy sued over sonar's effects on whales

USA Today - Oct 19 3:42 PM

Environmentalists sued the Navy on Wednesday, claiming that a widely used form of sonar for detecting enemy subs disturbs and sometimes kills whales and dolphins. The sonar "is capable of flooding thousands of square miles of ocean with dangerous levels of noise pollution."

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8.. Navy Sued Over Sonar's Effects on Whales

ABC News - Oct 19 6:22 PM

Lawsuit Filed in California Claims Navy Sonar Disturbs and Sometimes Kills Whales and Dolphins

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9.. Eco groups sue U.S. Navy to block mid-frequency sonar harmful to whales

Cyber Diver News Network - Oct 19 9:17 PM

LOS ANGELES, California (19 Oct 2005) -- Loud as a rocket launch, sonar used across the world's oceans during testing and training by the U.S. Navy harms marine mammals in violation of U.S. environmental laws, claims a lawsuit filed here today in federal court by a coalition of conservation and animal welfare organizations.

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10.. Groups sue to end Navy's use of sonar

Seattle Post-Intelligencer - 2 hours, 24 minutes ago

The Navy's use of a kind of sonar known to kill marine mammals is being challenged in court by environmental groups who cite an exercise in the San Juan Islands as proof of the technology's harm.

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Northern pike best long-term solution for local ecosystem

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Bruce Ajari

Special to the Bonanza

September 25, 2005

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The past week numerous stories on news programs discussed the fact that in spite of lots of different

methods tried to control and eliminate the predatory northern pike in Lake Davis, near Portola; the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) announce that they will seek to eradicate the pike from Lake Davis around the fall of 2007.

In 1997 the California Department of Fish and Game tried to eradicate the northern pike from the reservoir by using an application of the chemical rotenone. This move was not only controversial, but also highly contested. I still have visions of people strapping themselves to a buoy in order to prevent the treatment in my head. That and the 100's of officers, both local and state that were there to make sure that the treatment was completed. The program was completed and the fish were killed. Unfortunately, either the original pike survived or were reintroduced by someone.

Since their latest discovery, the pike have undergone an almost constant onslaught of non-chemical methods to eliminate them. We have followed the electro-shocking using boats, netting, seining, and even the attempt to use explosives. The pike have survived it all!

Not only have the pike survived, but have thrived to the point that a group, known as the Lake Davis Steering Committee, comprising local citizens (some most outspoken during the first project) and local, state and federal government officials have determined the need to eradicate once again.

Because of their potential for threatening waters downstream from Davis Lake; the DFG along with the Lake Davis Steering Committee has decided that eliminating the northern pike will be the best for the long-term benefit of the ecosystem and the local community. The fear has always been that northern pike could establish themselves in the Delta which would threaten all anadromous species such as salmon and steelhead.

The proposed project would significantly reduce the volume of water in Lake Davis. Approximately 75 percent of the lake's total volume would be removed, to 10,000 to 20,000 acre feet and a liquid version of the piscicide rotenone would be used to eradicate the northern pike from the lake and its upstream tributaries. The proposed project is in addition to DFG's ongoing northern pike program at Lake Davis that since 2000 has involved intensive manual removal of northern pike, pike containment efforts, outreach and education, enforcement, and fisheries monitoring. Approximately 55,000 pike have been removed and the numbers continue increase!

The DFG has filed a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that includes an Initial Study and Project Description. The Plumas National Forest published a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a use permit in support of the DFG proposed project. The NOP, Initial Study, and Project Description, and a link to the Notice of Intent can be viewed at www.dfg.ca.gov/northernpike.

To date five alternatives have been identified. Three involve the use of rotenone, one involves complete dewatering (draining) of the reservoir and its tributaries, and the fifth option would be to continue the current control-and-contain activities that have been in place since 2000. A reasonable range of alternatives will be identified after DFG and the Plumas National Forest consider agency and public input that is received during the scoping process.

Two scoping sessions will be held Monday, September 26th. The meeting times will be 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Eastern Plumas Health Care Education Center, 500 First Ave., in Portola. Two more sessions will be held on Wednesday September 28th. These will be from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane, in Sacramento. The scoping period is from September 14th to October 31st of 2005.

After the meetings, a draft EIR/EIS will be prepared and circulated sometime next year for public review and comment. In the event a project is approved in late 2006 or early 2007, possible treatment could occur in late summer or early fall of 2007.

Everyone is hoping that Davis Lake can be restored to the once renowned trout fishery that it once was

prior to the introduction of northern pike. I for one can remember the pre-pike era. Davis provided some of the best trout fishing in the country.

1.. Battle Brews Over How To Kill Fish In Sierra Lake

KCRA TheKCRACHannel.com via Yahoo! News - Sep 27 12:28 PM

The battle over what to do about a voracious fish in a Sierra lake is back in familiar territory.

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San Francisco Chronicle - Sep 22 8:36 AM

Ten years after the failed attempt to eradicate northern pike from Lake Davis in the Sierra Nevada, the Department of Fish and Game will likely go after the pike again.

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3.. DFG to make another effort to eliminate pike

San Francisco Chronicle - Sep 22 3:46 AM

Ten years after the failed attempt to eradicate northern pike from Lake Davis in the Sierra Nevada, the Department of Fish and Game will likely go after the pike again. The DFG started a series of state and federal environmental reviews this week and...

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4.. Plan to Kill Off Pike Spawns Less Uproar

Los Angeles Times - Sep 25 12:03 AM

A first failed effort to rid Lake Davis of the unwanted fish angered area residents. This time the state takes a more conciliatory approach.

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Northern Pike in Lake Davis

Lake Davis Steering Committee

Pike first appeared in Lake Davis in 1994, were apparently eradicated during the highly controversial 1997 rotenone treatment, but then reappeared in May 1999.

The Department's director at the time, Robert Hight, met with community members to discuss the problem. A Lake Davis Steering Committee was formed of community members to promote communication between the Department and the community. The Lake Davis Steering Committee meets regularly with the Department to share ideas about dealing with the pike issue. In December 2003, the Steering Committee requested that the Department research alternatives for ridding pike from the reservoir, while protecting public health and the local economy.

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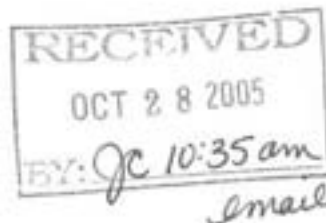


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Comment:

My name is David Hollister. I am a Quincy, CA resident and avid flyfisherman. I wish to strongly urge you to embark on the process of eradicating the Pike in Lake Davis as quickly and thoroughly as possible. Thank you for taking the time to receive comment concerning the proposed Pike eradication at Lake Davis. Lake Davis, when Pike-free, is a remarkable trout fishery. For those who fish, it is a destination bringing both financial resources and goodwill to those of us in Plumas county. When discussing trout fisheries, the conversation generally reverts to examples of how man/development has ruined what once was great. Concerning Lake Davis, the opposite has occurred. Lake Davis was established as a water resource which has also become a phenomenal fishery. I have fished Lake Davis often and noticed the impact the Pike have had on the trout fishery. Without swift, decisive action, I fear Lake Davis will no longer be a trout destination of mention.

Thank you again for your time and effort. I wish you the best of luck in eradicating the Pike in Lake Davis.

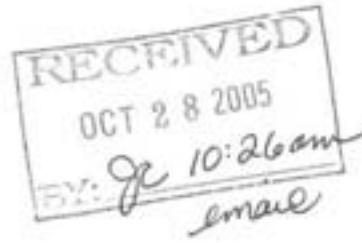


>>> "Library Staff, Sierra View" <[REDACTED]> 09/28/05 6:37 PM >>>
I read in the common questions about this suggestion, but it didn't seem to
answer the question.

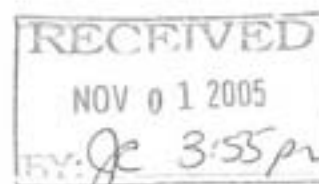
Why hasn't this been done? There could be prizes and press for the top
fishermen or pounds caught all together of the pike, trout released. It
gives the fishermen a fun time and helps you out - safely. It could even be
done quarterly or monthly, hype it up. "Help a trout, catch a
pike...etc..." Work with the people, not against us. Let the fishermen
help out and have some fun! What can it hurt?

:) Holly

CC: northernpike@dfg.ca.gov



From: "Mike Huber" [REDACTED]
To: <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 10/30/2005 4:13:41 PM
Subject: pike

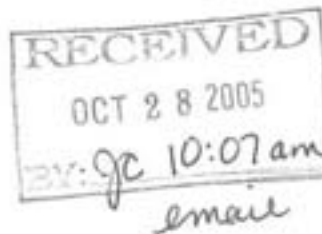


I hope you get the water level correct for the chemical to work properly. This is a very high profile poisoning by DFG and this should have been done right the first time. Personally I believe you will not succeed again due to the unknown. Maybe these fish have more heart than DFG thinks.
Good Luck! Mike Huber

From: "Joniverson" [REDACTED]
To: <ipaulsen@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 9/20/2005 1:42:14 PM
Subject: Hi, I have property on the top of Valley View Drive in Grizzly Creek near Lake Davis.
There is a mo

Hi, I have property on the top of Valley View Drive in Grizzly Creek near Lake Davis. There is a moratorium on building until I have water. They told me it was going to happen this year, but now they are telling me that they cannot tell me when I will get water, because you are going to retreat the Lake. Why? There building a water tower right above my house, and I am even being charged a water bill! Why? Can you please give me some answers?

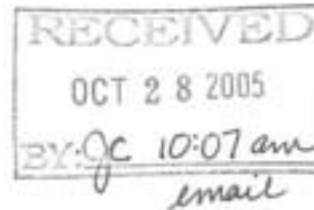
Thankyou,
Jon Iverson



From: "joniverson" [REDACTED]
To: <ipaulsen@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 9/20/2005 1:34:31 PM
Subject: "What is treating Lake Davis again really going to do. The Pike have already swam down stream. Des

"What is treating Lake Davis again really going to do. The Pike have already swam down stream. Destroying our mountain community is not going to help! How stupid are you people!

Very Pissed,
Jon Iverson



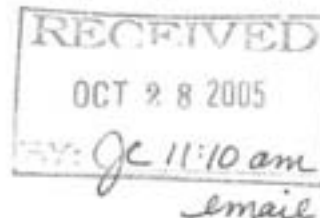
From: [REDACTED]
To: "Pike Team" <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 10/25/2005 8:35:05 PM
Subject: Public Comment on Pike Eradication Plan

Citizen: David L Johnson
[REDACTED]

Comment:

My opinion on the eradication of the Northern Pike in Lake Davis is to let it be. CA DFG made a mess of it the first time (2000) when it tried to rid Lake Davis of the Northern Pike and failed to accomplish its mission then. The residents around Lake Davis were made to feel like second class citizens because they did not have a voice in the handling of this situation and they felt left out of the decision making on how it was to be done.

Now, CA DFG wants to do the whole thing again and what makes CA DFG think that it will eradicate the Northern Pike this time? All its doing is adding unwanted chemicals to the environment which will affect not only the aquatic organisms that live within Lake Davis but also those organisms (birds, mammals and reptiles) that feed off the organisms that live within Lake Davis. I say, enough is enough! Let it be.



From: [REDACTED]
To: "Pike Team" <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 10/25/2005 2:36:45 PM
Subject: Public Comment on Pike Eradication Plan

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, CA 95630

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Comment:

It's a sad day in America when we resort to use chemicals to kill a fish because some one has a fish festish. Lets get real people the Northern Pike will hurt nothing if left alone. It simple eats a type of fish someone else likes to much. And they have the power to say we need to turn back the clock, stop the world from changing, restore it to it's natural way and kill the pike and everything esle!!

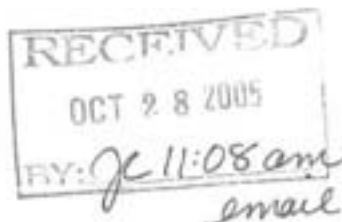
Please will someone with a brain please stand up. Please will someone with brain please stand up. do I need to repeat that.

Give me the power and half of the budget and resources and I will take care of the Pike it thats what you want without the use of chemicals.

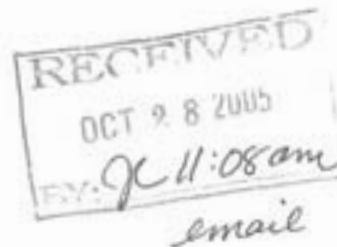
Maybe the Pike are just to hard to catch and thats why there are not like or someone just had to many memories as a kid fishing for some trout.

Give it up people.

Stop putting the rest of the world in danger just because you like one fish more than another. Were not talking about some Bark Beattle, or that crazy fish in Virginia, that really does some nasty things to the ecosystem. Maybe do this plant some Wisconsin or Minnesota MUSHKIES in that lake. Have you ever see one of those fish. WERE TALKING ABOUT BIG GAME FRESH WATER LIONS.



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Well even if I used every word in the world would it really change your mind?
I doubt it.

LAKE DAVIS PIKE ERADICATION PROJECT
CEQA / NEPA Scoping Comment Form

Name:	Linda Johnson
Mailing Address:	[REDACTED]
Telephone No. (optional):	
Email (optional):	

Comments/Issues/Alternatives:
If the lake low level is lowered and the possible ground waters are lowered what will be done about fire protection in our area?
The suggestion of a workshop to inform the citizen about chemicals is good idea.
I hope you will look into the sterilizing ^(sp) idea or poisoning in small quantity.
Also rotenone ^(sp) gets into the soil & water & eventually gets into the ground water. How is the liquid going to behave - is it going to be worse or be the same? Will it our ground water be effected more quickly?

Please use additional sheets if necessary.

SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS (POSTMARKED BY 10/31/05) TO:

Mail: California Department of Fish and Game, P.O. 1858, Portola, CA 96122

Fax: (530) 832-9706

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LAKE DAVIS PIKE ERADICATION PROJECT
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Name:	ROBERT J. KEPPEL	<div>RECEIVED</div> <div>OCT 28 2005</div> <div>EX: JC 9:27 a.m.</div> <div>mail</div>
Mailing Address:	[REDACTED]	
Telephone No. (o)	[REDACTED]	
Email (optional):	NONE	

Comments/Issues/Alternatives:

ENCLOSED IS MY REPLY TO F&G efforts in ERADICATING THE NORTHERN PIKE FROM LAKE DAVIS IN 1997. ALSO ENCLOSED IS MR. BYCZEK (A FISHERY BIOLOGIST FROM RENO) REPLY TO THE RECENT AND FUTURE PLANS BY THE DEPT. OF F&G TO POISON - LOWER - OR BOTH TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR ORDERS, TO WIT: THE SACRAMENTO DELTA DICTATORS.

THIS IS ANOTHER CASE OF ELITEST RICH DICTATING POLICY AND PROCEDURES TO THE POOR FOLKS IN PORTOLA. OBVIOUS SOLUTION IS TO TELL THE DELTA SCUM TO POISON THEIR OWN PIKE IF THEY GOT A PROBLEM.

I hope my comments are of some help!

Respectfully
Robert Keppel

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Pike brouhaha really is about Delta fishery

I attended a town hall-type meeting in Portola, Calif., sponsored by the California Department of Fish & Game, regarding yet another feeble attempt at eradicating the northern pike that are firmly established in Lake Davis. As a fisherman and fisheries biologist, I felt compelled to see the show! It was!

About 60 townsfolk were in attendance, including civic leaders.

The sci-bureaucrats from California Fish & Game were outnumbered by California Fish & Game law enforcement personnel! (They felt bad vibes.) Much smoke was blown at the townsfolk, but they blew back harder. The questions about hard science and fact were artfully dodged or deflected by the California scifolk.

Fish & Game officials' main concern is not really pike in Davis but their potential impact on the downstream Sacramento Delta fishery.

Fifteen years after the pike's introduction, only one immature male has been found in Lake Oroville.

The owner of Wiggin's Trading Post said, on record, that he believed Reno fishermen were to blame for the pike's presence and subsequent problem.

Reno fisherfolk, take that anyway you want. I'll not patronize that attitude.

Be glad that we're not paying for that obsessive boondoggle!

Jerry Byczek, Reno

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Lake Davis poisoning Remembrance of Nazis

Your coverage of the poisoning of Lake Davis and resulting contamination of the City of Portola's drinking water supply for over 4,000 residents was welcome to make everyone aware that this could happen to your community.

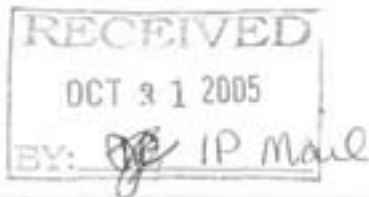
Last Monday, I noticed about 50 or 100 highway patrol, sheriff, and Fish and Game enforcement personnel including a SWAT team heading to Lake Davis in their government vehicles. I told my daughter that it looks as if the gestapo and their SS troops are going to make sure Fish and Game can poison our water supply. She said that I was overreacting, as after all, they were just doing what they were told to do. I reminded her that this was the same excuse Hitler's henchmen used when they put millions of people to death in the concentration camps.

Ergo: All I can say to our Gov. Wilson and his gestapo (California Fish and Game) and their SS Troops is "Seig Heil."

Robert J. Keppel, Portola, Calif.



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CALIFORNIA Department of Fish and Game PORTOLA

THIS BUGS ME TO NO END KILLING GOOD FISH
AND KEPT LOUSY FISH THEIR FLAVORS SALMON
RUNS SAVE A FOUL TASTE TROUT their trout NO BETTER
SALMON AND TROUT TASTE BITTER PIKE taste FLAVORFUL
AND WHOLESOME and THESE CRAPPY BEASTS WE GOTTA
SPEND DOLLAR TO HELP THE POOR LITTLE WEAKLING FISH UP AND OVER
AND THROUGH THOSE DAMS AND CREEKS AND PUPPLES SO SOME NO
ACCOUNT DONT KNOW ANYTHING WHATSOEVER "ANGLERS"
GOT THEIR TAX WE HAVE TO KILL GREAT TASTEING
FISH Lotsa wiggle & Lotsa FUN to catch PIKE to preserve
what DIED LONG AGO salmon and trout FOR CRYIN OUT
LOUD PIKE ARE OUR SPORT FISH NOW and PIKE
WILL BE SERVED UP AS CUISINE SOON AS your witch hunt
ENDS

Cynthia J. Lauer



P.S. TANZANIA AFRICA SOLD ME A POUND OF TERRIFIC
Peach FOR LESS THAN SEVEN BUCKS AND THEY WERE GREAT
TASTING AND AT LEAST 3X LARGER THAN OUR TROUT TOO
(NOT AT AFRICA'S LAKE VICTORIA MY GRANNIE ALBERTSONS OR KIEFER

SO PLEASE FOR THE LOVE OF A PEACH A CATFISH A PIKE AND SENSE ALL
STOP KILLING THOSE AQUA DWELLERS!

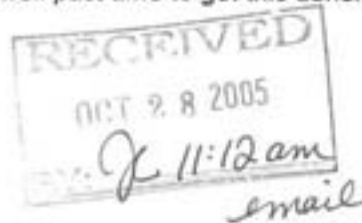
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To: <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 10/27/2005 11:22:41 AM
Subject: Lake Davis Pike

To: northernpike@dfg.ca.gov
Subject: Eradication of northern pike in Lake Davis

To: California Department of Fish and Game

I wish to voice my support for the eradication of the northern pike in Davis Lake ASAP. Leaving the pike in the lake is like playing Russian roulette with our salmonids downstream of the lake to say nothing of their effect on the trout population in Davis Lake. If the pike establish themselves throughout California's interior waterways, the whole eco system will be effected. It's well past time to get this done.

Ron Leger
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From: John Lindbo [REDACTED]
To: <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 10/26/2005 6:02:07 AM
Subject: Pike

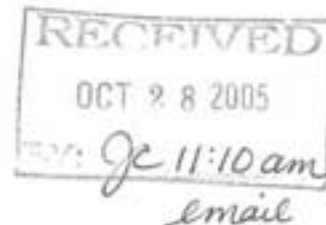
Hello,

Regarding your pike problem...why don't you just do what has been so successful at getting rid of numerous other species of fish? Just overfish them. Let people catch them all and keep them all. This has worked for many species of fish and game over and over again!

Remove any restrictions on Pike fishing and encourage people to catch as many as they can and kill them! It will work!!!

--
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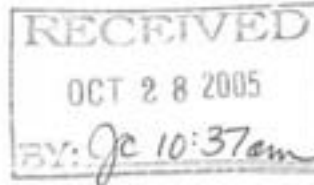
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To: "Pike Team" <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 10/25/2005 8:09:55 AM
Subject: Public Comment on Pike Eradication Plan

Citizen: Bill Love
[REDACTED]

Organization:
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Comment:

Simply let anglers fish the lake out. Allow fishing without a license on this lake. I have lived on a lake where the elimination of the pike species has occurred as an unwanted result of over fishing. (I.e. Michigan, they like pike there.). Your rules that require killing and turning in carcasses are detrimental to your cause. Pike are known to bite, no one wants a live one lying around, killing them is just good sense. What good is turning in the carcass? Having a dead carcass count, does not help end the problem. If you must have a dead carcass count, put a bounty on them. A bounty would be cheaper than the poison program. In this case over management is not helpful to ending the problem. Just catch them and eat them.

From: Charlene Low [REDACTED]
To: <northernpike@dfg.ca.gov>
Date: 9/29/2005 10:08:31 PM
Subject: Davis Lake

September 29, 2005

Department of Fish and Game
re: Lake Davis Pike

I have been fishing Davis Lake for over 10 years and have sadly watched the slow demise of this world class fishery. The last 5 years have been horrendous for the residents of Portola as well as for the Lake.

The project to eradicate the trout should be started as soon as possible. What are we all waiting for? For the pike to escape downstream and destroy the river ways of California?

Portola use to be a bustling little town, the small businesses have gone, restaurants are barely hanging on. We used to stay a minimum of 6 week-ends a year in this town. With the fishing so bad, we have not stayed over night for the last 3 years. Every so often, when we want to reminisce about the good old days of fishing, we launch our float tubes with dreams of yesteryear. Only to be disappointed again. It always gets worse, fish with gashes on them, no fish under 18 inches long, the smaller fish have merely become bait for the Pike.

I would to see Lake Davis be reestablished as a world class fishery, like the way it was maintained in the 80's and the 90's. Place in fingerlings from Eagle Lake, you don't have to place in "trophy size dumb hatchery fish". Of course, this should be done after the Pike is eradicated. If you don't stock with trophy fish, is there enough funds in the budget to take care of this?

It is our understanding, the poisoning may happen in 2006 or 2007. Why are we giving the Pike so much time to take over the lake. Of course at the government level there is also the ubiquitous "Environmental Impact Report". My opinion, this needs to be taken care of now, not later. The last three years have wreaked havoc on the fishery and the people of Portola. Will it take another 3 years and the escape of the Pike into our waterways to take some action. It is frightening to think, we may "just talk the demise of the Pike and really not do anything".

Charlene Low

